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Camp Lewis, Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 8.—Twelve hundred negro selective service men who have come here during the past week from Washington, Colorado, Wyoming and California, apparently show an average physical fitness better than most white prospective soldiers, according to mustering officers who have examined the men.

FROM CAMP FUNSTON.

The following splendid letter from our young friend Dr. Phil. B. Johnson is too good to keep so we give it to our readers with the assurance that Phillip will do all he says—and more. Dear Editor:

Amid a vast realm epitomizing universal diffusion of human beings, Kansas City boys are standing head and shoulders above the rest, from a moral, physical and mental standpoint. All that is necessary is for the order to be given we do the rest. As a whole our boys are making a good showing, many however have worshipped so long before the shrine of dissipation that it will take training and discipline to make men out of them. The Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus are doing excellent work. I have gotten to the point where I can appreciate what Uncle Sam is doing for our people; via this melting pot will come a race that will go forth and do good for themselves and humanity. 'Tis hot as hell hinges, the wind always windy, the rain is always dafp, but we are getting use to it. One round of pleasure from Revellie to Taps. I have charge of a squad of St. Joe boys, bright eyed, alert and sensible, needless to say they will make good as well as the Corporal.

GRAND COMMANDERY MEETS.

The Grand Commandery of Missouri Jurisdiction held a two days' session at Marshall, Mo., Monday and Tuesday. Although there were but few in attendance, a very interesting session is reported. Major J. H. Sherwood



HON. S. A. T. WATKINS.

the brilliant lawyer recently appointed Assistant United States District Attorney of Chicago, Ill., the first Negro to receive such an appointment under a Democratic administration.

of St. Paul, Minn., was elected Rt. Eminent Grand Commander and James Cannon reelected Grand Secretary.

THREE NEGROES NOMINATED.
Charleston, W. Va., August 10.—In the state-wide primary, held last

Tuesday, three colored men were nominated on the Republican ticket in as many counties for members of the House of Delegates, the lower branch of the legislature. The nominees were: J. V. Coleman, Kimberly, Fayette county; Harry J. Capehart, Keystone, McDowell county; and T.

G. Nutter, Charleston, Kanawha county.

Legislative candidates, in fact, members of that branch of the state government, are not novelties in West Virginia, few terms having passed in the last twenty years without race representation. But at no time before have there been so many candidates, nor has Kanawha county before given a Colored man a nomination, though there were two previous attempts.

The honor of breaking through the barriers came to T. G. Nutter, an attorney at law, former Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, now Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias and secretary-treasurer of the bank recently organized here by colored citizens. Of the six nominated from among six candidates.

The Colored population in none of these counties is one sixth of the whole, that of Kanawha being only about one tenth.

J. C. Gilmer.

Dr. Chas. L. Morgan and Dr. C. Roy Busch of Dallas, Texas, who have been taking a Post Graduate Course in Surgery in this city were pleasant callers at the Sun office last Monday in company with Dr. E. M. Phenix, Independence, Mo.'s successful and popular physician. Dr. Busch was accompanied to the city by his wife who has gone on to California to visit friends where he will join her shortly.

Major Geo. W. Prioleau ranking Chaplain of Color in the United States Army and who was home on a two months' vacation from his Regiment, the 25th Infantry stationed in Honolulu, was hurriedly recalled and left with his family for Los Angeles last Friday night. Many receptions and entertainments had been planned for the Chaplain and wife but they were called away before they could be carried out.

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